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In Reply Refer To: 1278-FOIA (640) FOIA# 2018-00564

Mr. Jimmy Tobias Pacific Magazine 50238-68726267@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Jimmy Tobias,

This letter is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated March 6, 2018. The tracking number is 2018-00564. In your letter, you asked for the following:

"All written or electronic communications, including attachments, between DOI staffer Kathleen Benedetto and lobbyist Allen Freemyer of the firm Freemyer & Associates, PC. This request seeks documents produced between April 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed."

In our search for responsive documents, we have located the enclosed material. We are providing 312 pages being released in its entirety.

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For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Maritiza Harris, BLM WO FOIA Specialist, at (202) 912-7650 or via email at BLM_WO_FOIA@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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